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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 28, 2004

In response to the Office Action dated May 28, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 28, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/AMAT/1570.C2/KMT, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper. Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 9 of this paper. Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 13 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes. Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.